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In re application of:  
Alain E. Perregaux et al      DECISION ON PETITION  
Serial No.: 09996,681  
Filed: November 30, 2001  
For: USE OF A U-GROOVE AS AN ALTERNATIVE et al

This is a decision on the petition received on December 23, 2002, to withdraw the holding of abandonment in the above-identified application.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to reply within the meaning of 37 C.F.R. 1.113 in timely manner to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 21, 2002. Which set a shortened statutory period for reply of two (2) months. Accordingly, this application became abandoned April 23, 2002.

On December 23, 2002, the office received a communication from the attorney of record. Enclosed was an acknowledgement that the attorney never received the Notice of Missing Parts mailed February 21, 2002.

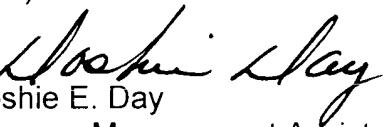
The evidence submitted is sufficient to establish that the petitioners never received the Notice of Missing Parts mailed February 21, 2002.

The petition is hereby Granted.

The application will be completed with the documents received December 23, 2002 and released to Technology Center 1765.

The office regrets any inconvenience this may have caused the client.

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